

2000 CATTLE, MILK, AND HOG HIGHLIGHTS

CATTLE

Beef production, during 2000, totaled 39.8 million pounds, live weight, 5 percent above 1999 marketings. The increase in production resulted from more cattle and calves marketed overall as well as from proportionally more cattle marketed than lighter weight calves. Exports during 2000 totaled 51,000 head, accounting for about 70 percent of all cattle sold. The majority of exports were calves weighing less than 500 pounds, live weight. Local commercial slaughter, during 2000, dipped 3 percent from 1999 to 17,000 head.

The annual average price for all cattle and calves increased 9 percent to \$48.20 per cwt., an increase resulting from improved prices for calves exported. Cash revenues for 2000 totaled \$19.2 million, an increase of 14 percent from 1999. The inventory of cattle and calves on Hawaii's ranches totaled 150,000 head on January 1, 2001, a decline of 9 percent and 13 percent from 2000 and 1999, respectively. The island of Hawaii which accounts for more than 70 percent of the State's total, recorded a 4 percent drop in inventory to 110,100 head. The third year of drought forced many ranchers to reduce their herds due to the lack of forage supplies.

MILK

In 2000, Hawaii's dairy cows produced 116.3 million pounds of milk compared to 119.7 million pounds produced a year earlier. About 67 percent of the milk was produced on Oahu, outer islands accounted for the remainder. Statewide revenues for milk sold at the farm level during the year totaled \$28.1 million, 10 percent below the 1999 receipt, and the second year of decline. Producers received an average \$24.50 per hundredweight for milk delivered to the processors, \$2.00 less than a year ago. The number of milk cows was down 500 head to 8,100 head in 2000. The annual average output per cow is 14,358 pounds compared to 13,919 pounds produced in 1999. Kauai discontinued producing milk in September 2000.

HOGS AND PIGS

Pork production and the number of hogs marketed during 2000 declined 11 percent from 1999 to 5.6 million pounds and 31,000 head, respectively. Cash receipts from marketings totaled \$4.4 million, a decrease of 13 percent from 1999. There were 26,00 hogs and pigs on hand on December 1, 2000, 2,000 fewer than 1999. The island of Oahu inventory decreased to 15,000 head, less than 60 percent of the State inventory, a drop resulting from a variant-like strain of Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) that occurred early in the year.